

The merger of XM and Sirius Satellite radio can only benefit me as a consumer of radio programming. The advent of HD radio and the MP3 player (iPod) has placed significant competition to satellite radio and caused more competition. The only way satellite can compete is to join forces to be a viable affordable option for me, then end user. Allowed to continue unmerged would result in higher prices for satellite radio due to overhead and operating costs.

I am simply a consumer of good radio in the United States. We have a great option in Satellite radio. As a member of the public, I strongly urge you to allow this merger to pass so satellite radio has a chance to offer me a more diverse channel line up at a affordable price.

Sincerely,

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